UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT CHARLESTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 2:05-00243

RONALD CHARLES MAXWELL, JR.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND JUDGMENT ORDER

On November 1, 2010, pursuant to the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, the United States Sentencing Guidelines were amended resulting in reductions in the guidelines in Section 2D1.1 for cocaine base. These temporary, emergency amendments to the Guidelines took effect on November 1, 2010. Permanent amendments implementing the Act were promulgated on April 6, 2011, with an effective date of November 1, 2011. Subsequently, the Sentencing Commission voted to give retroactive effect to the permanent amendments. Pursuant to a Standing Order entered on October 7, 2011, this case was designated for Expedited consideration.

The Court has received and considered the original Presentence Investigation Report (PSI), plea agreement, original Judgment and Commitment Order and Statement of Reasons, and

addendum to the PSI from the Probation Office and received any materials submitted by the parties on this issue. The Court has also considered the applicable factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), consistent with § 3582(c)(2), and public safety.

By its written and filed response, the United States does not object to the reduction ordered herein.

Based on the foregoing considerations, the court, <u>sua sponte</u>, hereby Orders that the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment of 121 months is reduced to 120* months, plus 18 months consecutive for revocation of supervised release in Criminal No. 2:96-00157 as set forth in the original sentencing order entered herein on April 17, 2006, with credit for time served to date, based on the court's determination of the guideline range as set forth below.

COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE:

Previous Offense Level: 29 Amended Offense Level: 25
Criminal History Category: IV Criminal History Category: IV
Previous Guideline Range: 121 to 151 Amended Guideline Range: 120*
months months

*Ten-year mandatory minimum applicable, otherwise the amended guideline range would be 84 to 105 months.

This Order is subject to the prohibition contained within U.S.S.G. \$1B1.10(b)(2)(C).

Except as provided above, all provisions of the judgment dated April 17, 2006, shall remain in effect.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to the Defendant, the United States Attorney, the United States Probation Office, and the United States Marshal.

ENTER: April 9, 2012

John T. Copenhaver, Jr.
United States District Judge